7 June 2016

From the Executive Principal

In the past two weeks since the last newsletter our school community has demonstrated great community spirit in supporting Mental Health and Wellbeing initiatives sponsored by a $5000 grant from the Queensland Mental Health Commission though our grants writer and organised by our Student Services faculty. Mental Health and Wellbeing was highlighted through the provision of free healthy snacks, fitness activities, presentations on assembly by university lecturers, daily tips on health and wellbeing in staff and student notices and attendance by health professionals from Headspace. This week of awareness raising focussed on making mental health and wellbeing everybody’s business.

Last week, the school community celebrated National Reconciliation Week with activities focussed on the theme for 2016 –” Our History, Our Story, Our Future”. As a school we employed a facilitator, Kerry Neill- a respected Gubbi Gubbi person and the proprietor of Goombuckar Creations and Tribal Link to add his charm and flair to lessons for the week. Lessons focussed on Our History, Our Storey and Our Future are highlighted in the schedule of activities included here. Thank you to Jacqui Andrews for working with teachers and Heads of Faculty to support the National Reconciliation Week May 27th to June 3rd.

Congratulations to the teams of students and their staff supervisors Ms Williams, Ms Hunt and Ms Eland who again supported the Relay for Life, Cancer Fundraiser at Kawana Sports Complex on Saturday and Sunday, May 21st and 22nd.
Congratulations to the 33, Year 11 students elected by their peers and interviewed by senior Heads of Sub-school who were selected to attend Leadership Camp at Emu Gully Sunday 29th – Tuesday 31st May. A special thank you to the senior staff, Bree Brockenshire, Rachel Downie, Steven Hewitt and Graeme Harding who braved the cold to supervise our future leaders through this part of the leadership process. Leadership positions will be announced at the leadership Induction Ceremony, Thursday 14th July.

On Friday 3rd June, we farewelled one of our Chaplains, Sarah Guest. Sarah and her husband Tom are expecting their first child in 2 weeks. Sarah has worked in the role of Chaplain and as part of the Student Services team at Mountain Creek for 6 years. Throughout this time, she has supported many of our young students both at school and in the community. Our best wishes to Sarah and Tom as they embark on this new adventure – parenthood.

As we approach the end of Semester, this is a timely reminder for students to ensure they attend all assessment to complete the semester of study for accreditation purposes. Exam schedules have been provided to all year levels for forward planning. This is also a timely reminder that the school term finishes for all students on Friday 24th June and the new school term commences on Monday July 11th.

Cheryl McMahon
Executive Principal

From the Head of Senior School

QCS Practice Complete

On the 24th and 25th May, 174 students attended the first full 2 day practice of the QCS test in preparation for the test proper in Term 3. These papers were then immediately couriered to the Gold Coast where they will be marked by experts and the data collated and returned to the school. As I have previously advised parents, there are two important take home messages about this.

1. The QCS test is a group data result, all students must contribute as best they can to the group result to ensure there is a positive bias on the OP’s of the group of Year 12 students.

2. For this reason, students that are contributing poorly to this effort and who are gaining only marginal grades will be asked to reconsider their membership of this group, and advised about other pathways to University other than the OP pathway.

I am advised that the data will be returned to the school on or about the 15th of June. This is 2 days prior to the exam block commencing. For this reason I will contact students very soon after this date to have these discussions should they be necessary.

Changes to Senior Assessment

The Department has advised that the new format for Senior assessment will commence in 2018 for Year 11 students. Please see the article in the Junior Secondary area about this. Current Year 10 students will be the last group to do the QCS test and receive an OP.

ECP Early Notice

On the 9th of August the 2nd ECP meeting for the year will be held for all students. In the Senior School each year level will undertake a different process.

Year 10 – The culmination of the subject selection process for Year 11 2017. This will occur after a series of meetings with students and an information night for Parents.

Year 11 – Must attend to confirm subjects for Year 11, pay finance for 2017 and conduct a student Led Conference to plan for Year 11 Term 4 and Year 12.

Year 12 - Student conducts a student Led Conference to plan for 2017. Conditional meeting to attend Graduation Ceremonies.

Date Claimer Senior Leader Induction Ceremony

On the 14th of July the Year 11 students will be officially inducted as the senior leaders of the school. At this ceremony all leadership positions will be announced including school captains. Parents are welcome at this ceremony which commences at approximately 10.30am and is completed by 11.45am.

Best Wishes

Andrew Stone
Head of Senior School

From the Head of Junior Secondary School

As term 2 draws to a close please ensure that your year 7, 8 and 9 students complete all assessment and exams prior to the holiday break. Students need to be ‘putting in’ their maximum effort towards achieving their best possible outcomes for the end of this semester.

In week 5, term 3 they will be asked to choose subjects for 2017. Hence, results at the end of semester 1 will provide the evidence to support if prerequisites for senior subjects have been met. All students will be completing exams in the final 2 weeks of this term and they need to ensure that they are in attendance at those exams. If for any reason a student is not in attendance for a scheduled exam they will be required to complete that on the next day they are in attendance in that class.

New Senior Assessment Systems Beginning in 2018

As Parents may have seen in media publications over the past year, there will be a new system of senior assessment for students beginning Year 11 in 2018. I have attached a link to a memo from the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment
Authority that is informative for parents about the new system. When considering future subject choices, parents should seek the school’s guidance about appropriate pathways for students, which will be first broadcast to students for the new system in Term 3 2017 for student entering Year 11.

The QCAA website also includes draft syllabi, and other information for schools about what the new framework will look like. These new changes will give a more level playing field to students, and greater certainty state wide about standards for university entry. Parent evenings in 2017 will allow parents to ask further questions about the new system as it rolls out across the state.


Young Scholars

Our year 6 and 7 Young Scholars had a fabulous time doing LOTE activities in week 7. Special thanks to our Spanish and Japanese teachers and our Senior leaders for volunteering their time for this program.

Social Science Update

Could You Have Sat The Challenging Australian Schools History Competition Successfully?

Last week, some 330 students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 competed in the national Australian Schools History Competition created in conjunction with the History Teachers Association of Australia and Giant Classroom. Totally unprepared, using only a provided source booklet of images, timelines and other sources and their prior knowledge, students faced a series of 50 questions with multiple choice answers from which they had to choose the best answer in a mere 45 minutes. Whilst the Year 7 and 8 paper, was more concerned with Ancient History and the Medieval period which is similar to the topics now being learnt in SOSE, the Year 9 and 10 paper focused on Modern Australian History topics such as civil/human rights and the Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1955, migration statistics for the UK and Australia, the role of the Australian Land Army in WW2, the Menzies era to provide a snapshot.

Questions like these featured in the Years 7 and 8 paper:

What is the name of the study of the past through the recovery and examination of physical remains? A) Classics B) Archaeology C) Palaeontology and D) Anthropology.

What conclusion can be drawn about Indigenous Australia from Source A (a timeline featuring achievements from Ancient China, India, Rome, Greece, Egypt and Australia)?

What can be concluded from Source M about the spread of the Black Death?

In the Year 9 and 10 paper, questions and stimulus provided questions such as:

Which of the following statements from Source L is an opinion rather than a fact about Sir Robert Menzies?

A) He was born in a small country town. B) He served two terms as Prime Minister. C) He was a lawyer before entering politics.
D) He played a key role in preparing Australia for World War II.

A) Queensland  B) South Australia  C) New South Wales  D) Western Australia

In what state did the 1965 Freedom Ride campaign in Australia begin?

Students are to be commended for giving this challenging competition their best. With luck, we will have some great results again this year. The wait is now on to see if last year’s Year 8 state winner again tops all competitors for Queensland in the Years 9 and 10 paper to win this prestigious competition for the second year running. He may be challenged though as the competition is no longer only for Years 8 and 10 but has been broadened to include Years 7 and 9 and these year levels haven’t been learning about the topics featured as yet. Keep an eye on future newsletter reports to see how our young historians have gone.

International Baccalaureate Update

What can you study in the IB?

In the IB students study six different subjects from the six different areas: Studies in Literature, Language Acquisition, Individuals and Societies, Natural Sciences, Mathematics and The Arts.

Some subjects like Maths, History, Visual Art, Music, Business may be familiar; and some like Psychology, Environmental Systems and Societies, Computer Science are completely new.

Students have the opportunity to specialise in the study of a specific science choosing amongst Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Computer Science.

Equally important is the study of another language, either Spanish or Japanese and of course the studies in our own language - English, in which students interact with a variety of literature texts from various places, times and genres.

In the Social Sciences – Individuals and Societies, students can study History, Psychology or Business Management.

Finally, in The Arts students may choose from Theatre Arts, Visual Arts, Music or to study another Natural or Social Science.

The IB Curriculum is represented as a circle showing how subjects and over-riding themes of international-mindedness, community service, healthy living, creativity, inter-relate.

Living below the Line

What does it feel like to be hungry? Who do you budget to feed yourself and your family on $2 per day?

This is what a number of community minded senior students considered when they joined the group to Live below the Line for one week. While on the one hand, they had to live on $2 per day, on the other they encouraged those around them to contribute to the international cause to bring about change through education for people in South East Asia who actually do live below the line every day, every year.

To this end the team tempted voters with a sausage sizzle on council election day; baked and sold cupcakes to hungry MCSHS and called for donations from extremely generous Creeker Café customers. To date they have raise over $1700 for the cause.

This has been an activity organised, promoted and managed by MCSHS Year 11 and 12 students.
So, congratulations to Claudia Herring, Briana Williams, Caterina De Simon, Nhi Lam Gia, Nancy Micozzi, Indy Yeoman, Lauren Pilton-O'Grady, Kyle Hood, Emily Talbot, Glenys Chan, Megan O’Hare, Caleb Isaacson.

Thank you to the generosity of the MCSHS community.

**Science Update**

**Biology Excursion to QIMR**

On the 27th of April, students of year 12 Biology classes travelled to QIMR, a world leading medical research facility. Located at the Royal Brisbane Hospital, the facility specializing in cancer, infectious diseases and mental health provided students with knowledge and understanding in regards to the work of an epidemiologist, and their important role within the society. The day began with our guide for the day, an experienced researcher from QIMR, providing a general overview to the students about the work that is completed in the institute and the various antibiotics and treatments found as a result of research undertaken in the centre.

Pupils were escorted to a lab where they would undertake a series of tests to identify how certain natural antimicrobials can kill bacteria. This was done in pairs with each group choosing a natural substance (e.g. mustard seeds) and two synthetic substances (e.g. lime juice, vinegar). These were then mixed with the given bacterial sample to determine whether the agents would kill the bacteria. This was seen using a UV light, the substance free of bacteria glowed fluorescent in the light whilst remaining bacteria did not glow. Students then completed an activity practising their, ‘sixteen stroke technique’, a method spreading bacteria over an agar plate in a precise way to isolate specific bacterium for testing. For many, this was a highlight of the day. Finally, creekers were taken on a quick tour of the facility, visiting the DNA lab, lecture hall and of course, the canteen offering tasty food for cheap prices. Overall, the excursion provided many interested in the field of science to gain an understanding of the type of work that they can do after graduating university.

**Crystal Growing Competition**

This year all year 8 classes participated in the Mountain Creek crystal growing competition as part of their Earth science unit. Classes had 8 weeks to grow their seed crystal into the best Alum (Potassium Aluminium Sulphate) crystal. Each week they monitored the growth by trimming their crystal and making super saturated solutions, to replenish the growing solution.
Crystals were judged on their clarity, octahedral shape and size. Judges were impressed by the quality of crystals grown this year, awarding certificates to the best crystal in each class as well as some highly commended awards for their outstanding efforts. Prizes were awarded to the top three crystals across all year 8 classes.

With a flurry of excitement and the prospect of competing against all of year 8 in the Annual Science Crystal Growing competition, 8O began their first practical session. The preparation of the saturated solution was done very carefully by some and a little too keenly by others but by the end of 70 minutes we had 6 crystals ready to grow. With weekly clean ups and new solutions for our crystals our excitement began to grow as did Ben’s crystal. It was beautiful and clear with a lovely shape… we new we were onto a winning crystal!

Congratulations to Ben Allen from 8O on a great winning crystal and Akash Patel for his highly commended effort.

Second prize was given to a group in 8I, Katie Barry and Ishana Dasanayake. Third prize was given to a group from 8S, Ashley Gibb, Lily Husson, Kaylee Martyn, Amber McClymont and Piper Vidulich.

Well done to all students who participated in the competition this year.

News from the English Department

Out with a Bang!

The final QDU debate on Wednesday night was a close match but Mountain Creek brought it home, with Mr Murray and Eve Leman cheering our squad on as we watched Abby Van De Vorst keep everyone in check as time keeper against Good Shepard Lutheran College.

The topic was ‘children without vaccinations should be banned from public school’ and we were negative. Our affirmative opponents struggled to build a case using the burden of proof and after their first speaker it was up to Nhi Lam Gia to break them down. Her process was ‘I just need to be louder than their first’ and she let a tirade of logic and precision drown out our enemy… opponents. After their second speaker continued the affirmative case the coach was worried that Mountain Creek was letting them off easy as no-one cited Point of Information, however Jordan Villanueva as our second, broke down her argument of worst case scenario and continued the idea that we were not against vaccinations but against denying youth their basic human right to education. Their third speaker attempted to recover but logic and structure were on our side especially with the Mexican dynamo that is Luis Correia. He used comparisons, examples, wit, sass and presence to destroy their case. The audience were between fits of laughter and deep contemplation. We had won, but patiently waited for the final verdict. Our international flavour won the day and proven that a multicultural Australia is a strong Australia. We should all be pleased of the year 11’s efforts as it has been a slow process of character building and academic integrity. As their coach I am immensely proud yet humble that most of this school’s leaders will be strong willed individuals for the future.

News from the Coding and Innovation Faculty

#GirlsCanCode day!

On the 24th of May 2016 Year 9 Zenith students had the exciting opportunity to participate in the ‘#GirlsCanCode’ day. With support from both public and private partners within the education and business sectors, we worked to educate, inspire, and equip high school girls with the skills and resources to pursue opportunities in the computing fields. Students participated in 3 workshops throughout the day:

1. ARDUINO Micro-processors - building the Harbour Bridge delivered by MCSHS digital technologies teachers Libby Richardson and Kym Thomas.
2. Creative Coding – 2D & 3D design in processing delivered by MCSHS digital technologies teacher Mel Muller and Ruth Christie from QUT and the Go for IT gURL programme at QUT.
3. Robotics- LEGO MINDSTORMS EV3 building, programming and commanding LEGO robots with Marie Boden from the University of Queensland.

After a fun filled day of learning new skills students had the unique opportunity to hear Yvette Adams from the Creative Collective speak about her journey in the world of Coding and Innovation and how it is an integral part of our everyday lives.

All students at MCSHS study Digital Technologies in Year 7 and have the opportunity to choose it as an elective for the remainder years. We especially encourage females to choose this subject as we work close the gender gap in the technology and engineering sectors.
Robotics Club!

Mountain Creek SHS is excited to introduce its new Robotics club. This club is open to grade 7-9 students with an interest in robotics. We will be meeting every Wednesday from 9-10 am and competing in the RoboCup Junior Division on the Sunshine Coast. Robotics will use LEGO MINDSTORMS with a focus on building, programming and commanding LEGO robots under three categories; sumo, rescue and dance. The first Robotics Practice Day will be held at Mountain Creek SHS on Saturday 16th July. If you are interested please contact Niamh O’Sullivan at Moreton Sub-school or email nosul27@eq.edu.au.

Niamh O’Sullivan  
Coding and Innovation

News from the Sports Department

Volleyball Gold!

At the recent Queensland Schools Cup tournament held in Toowoomba the mighty Creekers came home with two Gold medals and one Bronze medal. These are outstanding results and the students and coaches were blown away by the performances of all the Creek teams. The Year 10 Girls playing in Div 1 went through the tournament undefeated and won a close and tough encounter with Emmanuel College from the Gold Coast to clinch first place. Zoe Scott was named Most Valuable Player for the division. The Year 9 Girls, also playing in Div 1, copied the feats of the Year 10’s and were very impressive in the grand final coming back in both sets to defeat a strong Gap High School team. Indi Bertram was named Most Valuable Player. The Year 8 girls playing in a Year 9 Div 2 competition along with the combined Year 8 & 9 team qualified for the semi-finals through some excellent play in their cross over matches. Unfortunately they both lost their semis to better teams but ended up verses each other for the Bronze Medal! The Year 8 girls held their own when they were well behind and came back to win the medal. All students performed very, very well and there were many very positive comments from teachers and coaches from other schools. Special mention and thanks go to Mrs Helen Young who stepped in and did a fantastic job with all the teams especially the Year 8 and 9 girls. Congratulations to all the medal winners and to the two talented athletes who received the Most Valuable Player Awards.

Queensland Netball Representative!

Maci Martyn (Year 10) had a fantastic tournament at the recent Queensland Schools Netball 15&U championships in Cairns. In fact it was so fantastic that not only did Maci’s Sunshine Coast team win the Gold Medal but also Maci was named in the Queensland Schoolgirls Team at the closing ceremony. This Queensland Team will travel to Adelaide in late July to compete in the School Sport Australia National Championships. Congratulations Maci! We wish you all the best for the upcoming Australian Championships.

Monday Night Netball

Yes, the season is finally over. Grand finals were held last night for Monday Night Netball.

Thanks heaps to our supporters, who braved the cold, but warmed our hearts with their cheers and support – it was greatly appreciated.

Results:

Juniors went down to Siena 26-13 but played their best till the final hooter - Coached by Maddi Spencer & Ali Scholten great job girls!
Intermediate A took control of Matthew Flinders in a great game winning 28-23. Congratulations and thanks to parent coach Deanna Window for her dedication.

Senior B Res won convincingly against PLC 31-19, fantastic effort girls (very proud Coach, Madonna).

Senior A Firsts also won against Matthew Flinders 24-22, in a nail biting but tremendously exciting game...yay!! The Creek hasn’t won a Senior A div since 2004!

Brilliant effort girls and Coach Jacqui Sanham.

Caitlin Represents Australia

2015 Senior student, Caitlin Bettenay, is now a Volleyroo! After an impressive junior career where she represented Queensland and Australian under age teams, Caitlin is now a full international Volleyball player. Through the Australian Women’s team trials earlier this year, Caitlin showed her high skill level and fantastic athleticism to be named in the Australian Women’s Team to play the World Grand Prix event in Victoria in early June. Following this event, the team, with Caitlin as the only Queenslander in the team, travel to Colombia to play against the home nation, Cuba and Croatia in the second round of the Grand Prix event. Shortly after returning to Australia, Caitlin heads off the USA on a full Volleyball Scholarship with Div 1 school, University of Portland, Oregon. We wish Caitlin all the very best with her representative honours and for her time in the USA!

News from Creative Industries

Fanfare 2016: Mountain Creek SHS Stage Band In Regional Final!!!!!

GREAT NEWS, after our Division 1 GOLD award last week in the heats, we have just received the message today that our Mountain Creek SHS Stage Band is in the regional final!!!!!

Fantastic!

Each member of The Stage Band should be very proud of their efforts in Fanfare this year – we put on a great show last week at Chancellor State College and all of your hard work and dedication has absolutely paid off.

The Mountain Creek Stage Band has a real shot at this!

Unfortunately, our Concert Band didn’t progress through to the final but we did achieve our best Fanfare result ever – our
first Concert Band GOLD (in Division 2). This is the greatest achievement by our Concert Band to date and proof we are improving each year; including year 7 in the mix has had a very positive impact.

Well done everyone! The next couple of rehearsals will be to ensure that everything is the best we can make it. Good luck!

Dance, Dance, Dance!

PLEASE VOTE NOW!

Our Dance Company students are always a little more excited when the month of May arrives as it marks the beginning of the Eisteddfod season. Sunshine Coast Eisteddfod Schools Section is a huge event that involves over 40 entries in one competition. Primary and secondary, public and private schools attend the competition to celebrate dance. Our Junior Dance Company performed a Hip Hop Dance developed with guest artist Kate Kleine and received a fantastic 5th place. Senior Dance Company performed a technically challenging Jazz dance developed with guest artist Chelsea Reedman and received a Very Highly Commended. We are very proud of our students but more importantly, enjoy seeing them having a great time.

In other exciting Dance news, the Juniors performed at the Breakthru Performance on the 4th of June at Sunshine Plaza, please support them and our school, by voting at http://www.sunshineplazabreakthru.com/heat-1-2-voting-2016/

Students who dance at Mountain Creek have the unique opportunity to work with industry professionals on a regular basis. We are pleased to have provided all Dance students from years 8 to 12 with an opportunity to work with a guest artist in the first few weeks of this term:

Year 8 Dance - Teghan Priori-Smith (Hip Hop artist)
Year 9, 10, 11 Dance - Kate Kleine (Hip Hop artist)
Year 12 Dance - Molly Dennis (Musical Theatre)

2016 Visual Art Sydney Trip

The much-anticipated Yr12 Visual Art Sydney Trip, took place over the first weekend of term (15th -18th April) and was once again an excellent experience for all who attended. Katie Trott and myself had the privilege of accompanying 14 amazing Visual Art students to Sydney for three very busy days filled with gallery visits, sightseeing and lots of walking! The trip was planned around viewing the Art Express Exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW, which is a showcase of the best year 12 bodies of work in NSW from 2015. The quality of work produced by these students was inspiring, technically amazing and has certainly given our students more ideas about the possibilities and directions that their artmaking could take.

As well as Art Express, we viewed works at the White Rabbit Gallery, Brett Whiteley Studio, Museum of Modern Art, and The Art Gallery of NSW. Fortunately, the Sydney Biennale was also on, so there were art installations at various locations around the city. One such place was Cockatoo Island, a National Heritage Site, where history and contemporary art merged together inside the massive shipbuilding warehouses and convict prisons, providing a unique art viewing experience for our students.

We went to Luna Park, walked to the Opera House, walked through the botanical gardens, shopped at the massive Westfield Shopping Centre in the city, explored the Rocks Markets, participated in ‘Escapism’ (a team building, problem solving game), caught ferries and trains and. We also had an exclusive tour of the central design studio of Speedo Australia, a valuable glimpse into the real world of design and fashion.

On our return, everyone was glowing inside with inspiration and empowered by the possibilities of art (albeit a little exhausted!).

Music Excursion

On Wednesday May 11, 22 students from year 10 QCAA and IB music went to see the Queensland Symphony Orchestra perform at the Conservatory of Music in South Bank, Brisbane. This was a worthwhile educational experience for the students, as most had not been to see a Symphony Orchestra perform. The Orchestra played a range of pieces from well-known composers, concluding the performance with a piece from the film ‘Pirates of the Caribbean’. Students then had a chance to explore South Bank over lunch. We were kept entertained on the bus ride to and from the venue as students ‘smuggled’ a ukulele on board and serenaded us all with their singing and playing. Our students had a great time and represented Mountain Creek State High School with pride.

SongMakers @ Mountain Creek

This term 16 senior music students had a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to work with two experienced professionals from the music industry to write and record an original song. Mountain Creek State High School is one of only 50 schools Australia wide to be selected to run the SongMakers workshop, sponsored by APRA, and students and teachers were very excited to get a hands on experience in the production of a demo.

The workshop mentors were Award-winning – producer/writers Robert Conley (KISS, Santana, Destiny’s Child, Ricky Martin, Thelma Plum, Amy Meredith) and ilan Kidron, who has also written for Ricky Martin, Jessica Mauboy and Tina Arena, among others.

Over two days the students formed groups and composed and recorded an original song. The workshop process was quite intense and the schedule was tight but every group finished the workshop with an entirely original song which was recorded in just an hour and a half.
SongMakers was a wonderful experience for the students and one they will remember forever. It allowed them to see the possibilities that the music industry offers in terms of careers and job satisfaction and will motivate them to work hard to achieve their dreams.

If you would like to hear the songs that the Mountain Creek State High School Students wrote you can go to the website below where they will be uploaded very soon.

http://songmakers.com.au

Congratulations to all of the students involved! Your professionalism and hard work paid off and you all wrote songs you should be very proud of.

This is my last Newsletter as Acting HOD, I will be handing back to Mrs Jess Stansbie at the end of the term.

It has been a privilege working with this talented Mountain Creek Community.

Rachel Downie

MAdD Coming Soon.

**Fraser Falcons Pizza Party**

The Fraser Falcon Chocolate Drive for the Junior Secondary students has come to an end with wonderful results. The funds raised from the annual chocolate drive will be used to enrich the schooling experience for our Fraser Falcon students this year.

The winners of the most monies raised across the Junior Secondary Fraser Falcons are as follows:

- **Overall Individual Winner:** Jack Vecchio – 9I, wins the Giant Toblerone + $50 voucher
- **Year 8 Individual Winner:** Abbie Firkin – wins a $50 voucher
- **Year 7 Individual Winner:** Mahira Vahora – wins a $50 voucher
- **Year 7 Runners Up:** Kirra Dixon – wins a $25 voucher
  - Annalesie Rowlands Palensky – wins a $25 voucher

**Highest amount of money raised by a class:** Year 7H who were rewarded with a lunchtime Pizza Party at Fraser.

The Fraser Falcon Pizza Party for Year 7H was held last Friday and despite a bit of a late start, the students had a feast and celebrated in fine Fraser Falcon style ... making all the other sub-school's ‘green’ with envy.

**Relay For Life**

Fraser staff “relayed for life” with a dedicated band of 35 Mountain Creek State High School students on the weekend of 21st and 22nd May at Kawana State College. The Queensland Cancer Councils “Relay for Life” recognises that cancer doesn’t sleep and so participants walked all afternoon, all night and all morning to raise money in the fight against cancer. The Fraser staff of Michelle Williams, Jessi Hunt and Deb Elhand were proud to see so many students giving their time and effort for this important cause. Students participated by organising their own teams who set up their team bases with creation of rosters and schedules. The students and staff supported one another by cheering on in the small hours of the morning with much laughter and shared stories. The students brought a heartfelt motivation to the event with all students doing their part to make the event a powerful, meaningful walk to remember. All three teams did a great job of demonstrating what it means to be a “creeker”.
News from The Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop has been overrun with sales of jackets this season. Their popularity has been unprecedented and has resulted in a stock shortage in the XL and XXL sizes. We do apologise for this inconvenience. We will endeavour to get more stocks but with a six to eight week turnaround time the winter chill will be nearly over before delivery is possible. Pullovers have previously been a favourable option and we do have plenty of stocks of these. Uniform policy does not allow substitute garments.

Pullovers are $36 and Jackets are $51. A number of students have only had $50 and rather than send them away cold I have let them go owing me a dollar. If your student asks for $1 for the uniform shop that would be the reason.

A reminder that telephone orders are welcome with credit card payment. Phone: 5457 8328

Parent & Student Information

Don’t forget that as parents you have access to the Parenting Ideas website through the school membership for articles and resources to support you and your students

http://www.parentingideas.com.au

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Join Saver Plus and match your savings dollar for dollar, up to $500, for education costs including school uniforms and text books, laptops, sports equipment and music tuition!

To be eligible you must:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- have a child at school or starting next year

Call or SMS your local Saver Plus Worker at the Smith Family on 07 5451 1069

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Study Skills Handbook Item: Proofing Your Assessments

1st Proof:

It’s a good idea to relocate from your work space for this. For example, take your assignment to a park or another room - somewhere you will sit with new focus for a set time. Go to this place with the sole purpose to proof. Ensure you take the criteria, what the question is asking with you. Your first proof needs to take into account the following factors.

- **WORD COUNT:** Is the word count of your assessment within the specified limit? If it is not, note how many words need to be cut.
- **SPELLING / GRAMMAR:** Spelling and grammar need to be correct. If you are using a computer, spell check will help - but don’t rely on it. For example, you might have typed ‘from’ when you meant ‘form’. The spell check won’t pick that up.
- **SOURCES:** Are all sources listed for visuals, examples and quotes?
- **CRITERIA / QUESTION ANSWERED?** Check the criteria and tick where you have addressed the criteria. You will then ensure your assignment answers everything asked.
- **REPETITION:** It’s easy to repeat points, double check you haven’t done this.
- **USEFUL INFORMATION:** It’s not uncommon to write unnecessary information. Do you have points that don’t really answer the question? Have you written clearly? Is there any information you could leave out? Is there any information that you realise needs to be added?
- **REINFORCE:** This is where you need to finalise which words you will bold, highlight, underline etc. so your assignment clearly identifies the main points. Bolding can let the teacher see clearly that you have covered all the parts of the question, that there is a sequence of ideas and you have organised the information well.
- **FIX:** Make sure that when you are back at your desk you fix all of the errors you have found.

2nd Proof:

The next day repeat the above steps, but this time - READ YOUR ASSIGNMENT OUT LOUD! If you didn’t print your assignment to proof the first time, now could be the time. Reading and hearing the words spoken in different mediums can sometimes give a new perspective to your writing. Note down any changes you need to make, and make them.

3rd Proof:

It’s always a good idea to ask someone to proof your assignment after you have proofed it first. It is common for the writer not to pick up typos or silly mistakes because he/
she knows what they meant and sees the words they intended to write, and not the errors. So recruit a proof reader (parent, relatives, older sibling or friend etc.).

You can learn more about being more effective with assessments in the ASSIGNMENT SKILLS unit of www.studyskillshandbook.com.au by logging in with these details:

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Password: 75results

**MND And Me Foundation Fundraiser Bootcamp**

**ARE YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS UP FOR A CHALLENGE?**

We have a fundraiser Bootcamp for The MND (Motor Neurone Disease) and ME Foundation on June 19th.

This 60 min Bootcamp session will push attendees various **fitness levels** to their various **fitness limits guaranteed**! No one will be pushed beyond the achievable yet no one will be left behind.

Register as an individual today at enquires@jamiemilntraining.com and be assigned to a team prior to the 19th of June!

**THE COST** – $10 Per person

**THE CHALLENGE!** - To have 100 people in attendance and raise $1000 from entries for MND and ME Foundation and create MAXIMUM awareness! For the MND and ME foundation http://www.mndandme.com.au

**THE BENEFITS FOR YOU!** - Besides the actual awesomeness of doing something for those truly less fortunate then ourselves we have amazing door prizes.

So remember one of life’s most persistent and powerful questions

“WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR OTHERS?’

PLUS Mountain Creek State School retains 20% of the price of every Membership sold which goes towards our fundraising!


If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Skills Centre on – 07 5457 8379 or to order go online or fill in the form provided below.

Mountain Creek State High School
Contact: Skills Centre
Phone: 07 5457 8379
Email: enquiry@mtncreekshs.eq.edu.au


Alternatively, please complete your details below and return to the Front Desk

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| Week 11 | Mon 20 June | • P & C Meeting 5.30 pm Administration Building  

**All Welcome**

• Year 11 Hospitality Coffee Exam (3 hours)

| Tue 21 June | • AFL Snr & Jnr Girls Finals Day |
| Wed 22 June | • Year 8 & 9 Inter-School Sport Finals |
| Thu 23 June | • Tin Can Bay Volleyball Excursion |
| Fri 24 June | • Last Day Term 4  

• Have a Safe and Happy Holiday |

| Term 3 | Mon 11 Jul | • School Resumes  

• MADD Week (Music, Art, Drama, Dance) |
| Wed 13 Jul | • MADD Rehearsals  

• Year 8 & 9 Inter School Sport Trials |
| Thu 14 Jul | • Leadership Ceremony  

• MADD Opening Night  

• Year 7 Inter-school Sport Trials |
| Fri 15 Jul | • 2017 Year 7 Zenith Applications Due Today |
| Week 2 | Mon 18 Jul | • P & C Meeting 5.30 pm Administration Building  

**All Welcome** |
| Tue 19 Jul | • Sunskills Expo  

• 2017 IB Applications Close |
| Wed 20 Jul | • Year 10 FTV Excursion  

• Leadership Changeover Lunch |
| Fri 22 Jul | • Year 6 into 7 Scholarship Applications Due |
| Week 3 | Mon 25 Jul | • Year 4 Young Scholars Parent Information Evening 5.30pm in Performing Arts Building  

• International Baccalaureate interviews |
| Tue 26 Jul | • Year 10 Drama Workshop  

• Year 12 Biology MERF Excursion |